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Meeting with Our Legislators

Thursday, December 16, at 7:30 p.m. is the date and time for our annual meeting with our state legislators. We will discuss with our delegates and senators legislation which the League's state board has set as priorities for 1994. The legislative meeting is always interesting and lively. Guests are welcome.

Joyce Levy is hosting our meeting this year. Her home is located at 699 13th Avenue. We request that League members bring finger foods to the meeting to be served at refreshment time.



The Voters Service Committee met November 15 to plan activities for the first half of 1994. Marcia Daoust will be responsible for getting out the vote; working with the County Clerk and the Cabell County School system to assure informed first-time voters. Mary Robson and Caroline Perkins will assist.

Multidisciplinary Teams for Child Protective Services

—by Beth Bauserman

For many years the emphasis of the LWV consensus on juveniles has been for improved coordination of services. The new term is Multidisciplinary Teams. It is the same thing. A multidisciplinary team, at a minimum, should consist of a prosecutor, a policeman, and a child protective service worker. Ideally, the team would include therapists, a child advocate attorney, medical and educational personnel. A multidisciplinary team, by meeting together in one place, can attack the needs of a child at once without scheduling separate appointments for the child with each agency. It is quick! It is efficient! It is effective!

Throughout the state, professionals face record caseloads involving child victims and growing demands for improved coordination of services. In order to receive assistance under the 1984 Children's Justice Act, each state is required to establish a Multidisciplinary Task Force. In West Virginia, the Children's Justice Task Force goal is for each county to have access to a county or regional multidisciplinary team. Let's ask the Legislature to help.

Martha Woodard will coordinate the School Board Candidates meeting, working with other area organizations. Questions for candidates will be the responsibility of Helen Gibbins, Frances Huddleston, and Nancy Taylor. Registration Activities and Election Day Call-In Services will be decided after meeting with the County Clerk.